

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 849

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Hamblen County Board of Education upon their selection as the 2003 Tennessee School Board of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this assembly to pay tribute to those outstanding citizens who through their exemplary efforts have distinguished themselves in the service of young people; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy group is the Hamblen County Board of Education which was recently honored as the 2003 "School Board of the Year" by the Tennessee School Boards Association; and

WHEREAS, the Hamblen County Board of Education was recognized by its peers for this esteemed award for the board's continuing commitment to a quality education for every student; and

WHEREAS, the Chairperson of the Hamblen County School Board, Mr. Gary Chesney, is a sixteen-year veteran of the board. He has earned the distinction of Level Five Master Boardsman and is active in both local and regional P-16 Councils. He recently participated in the Federal Relations Network Conference in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, a nineteen-year member of the board, Mr. Roger Greene is a past board chair and a Level Four Boardsman. He is a longtime member of the Tennessee School Board Association (TSBA) Retirement Trust and was recently named to the TSBA Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, immediate past chair, Ms. Carolyn Holt, is a Level Five Master Boardsman and a six-year member of the board. A member of the Hamblen County Foundation for Educational Excellence, she served on the both the TSBA search committee to name a new

executive director and Governor Phil Bredesen's advisory committee to nominate the current commissioner of education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Janice Haun is a six-year member of the board having earned the designation of Level Four Boardsman. She is a member of the Sick Leave Bank Committee of Trustees and is an active supporter of academics, performing arts and extracurricular activities throughout the school community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jim Grigsby is a four-year member of the board and a Level Two Boardsman. He is a member of the Policy Committee, which assures that Hamblen County schools are in compliance with all state and federal mandates. He also serves as board liaison to the Hamblen County Commission; and

WHEREAS, Level One Boardsman Mr. Ralph Livesay, Jr., is a two-year member of the board. A retired elementary school principal, he is a member of the school system's Curriculum Committee. His family has a long legacy of public service in the field of education; his father was a retired principal and former teacher and his daughter is now a teacher in the Hamblen County School System; and

WHEREAS, newest board member, Joe Gibson, Jr., was appointed in 2003 to fill the unexpired term of his father, Joe Gibson, Sr., an eleven-year board member and former member of the House of Representatives. Mr. Gibson is actively involved in increased academic opportunities and extracurricular student activities; and

WHEREAS, the Hamblen County Board of Education receives exemplary support from Dr. Dale P. Lynch, Director of Schools for Hamblen County; and

WHEREAS, this accolade earned by the Hamblen County Board of Education is a testament to the board members' devotion and commitment to the young people of Hamblen County and helps make their system a shining example of educational excellence in the great State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the Hamblen County Board of Education

on being named the 2003 Tennessee School Board of the Year and extend our heartiest thanks to the Board members for their outstanding service to the children of Hamblen County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy